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MEMORANDUM FOR: Major General W. S. Stone
Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel
Headquarters, United States Air Force

SUBJECT : Lieutenant Colonel Leo P. Geary 8037A

1. It is my understanding that Lieutenant Colonel Leo P. Geary is scheduled for reassignment from his present position in the near future, possibly June 1957. I am not informed what arrangements will be made for the continued performance after that date of the duties for which he and his office are currently responsible.
2. As you are aware, the office of which Colonel Geary is in charge was established pursuant to an agreement reached in August 1955 between the Director of Central Intelligence and the Chief of Staff, USAF, which defined the relationship between this Agency and the Air Force with respect to Project OILSTONE. The agreement provided for "an Air Force Project Staff headed by a Project Officer" who would "arrange for Air Force support of Project activities". It was the intent of that agreement, which has worked out to our complete satisfaction, that the Project Officer at Headquarters, USAF, would be the focal point of contact through which all business concerning the Project would normally be handled with Headquarters, USAF, and (with certain exceptions) with other Air Force commands.
3. Although the development and procurement of equipment, the training of personnel, and the deployment of operational units to bases overseas will all be completed before next June, I am convinced there will

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continue to be a considerable volume of Project business to be handled with Headquarters USAF, including the following:

- a. The provision of current support at the three overseas bases will require from time to time the establishment of special supply procedures, the working out of specific supply problems, and the scheduling of special airlifts.
- b. It is anticipated that one or more of the operational units will stage to advanced bases; these operations will require special support in a variety of forms, notably including special airlift on a significant scale.
- c. Some research and development will be continuing and will require Air Force support; also there will be a flow of questions having to do with the use of Project-developed equipment in regular Air Force applications.
- d. Although the relationship of the SAC Follow-On Program to this Project has been satisfactorily established, there will inevitably be a variety of arrangements to be established and decisions made for the purpose of maintaining compartmentation of the Program, preserving the security of Project OILSTONE affording a maximum freedom of action to the Follow-On Program, and perhaps coordinating the operations of the two.
- e. It is presently anticipated that late in 1957 the organization of Project OILSTONE and the character and probably the scale of its operations will undergo marked change. The change will probably involve the turnover of some of the equipment to the Air Force, the release for reassignment of presently assigned Air Force personnel, and the development of new arrangements for such activities as it is decided to continue. In this phase many of the problems encountered in the one form during the build-up of Project OILSTONE will be encountered in the same or different forms.
4. In view of the scope and volume of the business to be handled on behalf of this Project, I would hope that adequate provision could be made for a centralized point of contact at Air Force Headquarters for a substantial period beyond June 1957, preferably for approximately one year. Since the

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Air Force Project Staff has performed this function in so highly effective a manner during the past two years, the continuation of the present arrangement would be entirely satisfactory from our point of view.

5. Although it would of course be most improper for me to intervene in any way concerning the assignment of Air Force personnel, I hope it will not be out of place to say that an extension of Colonel Geary's present assignment would carry with it real advantages for this Project. His intimate knowledge of our organization and operations, our requirements for Air Force support, the history of our various transactions with other Air Force commands, and of the Agency's policies and procedures greatly enhance his value in this position.

/s/
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